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1. As a result of a military conference held in Canton on 21 July which was attended by YEH Chien-ying and all important members of the Kwangtung Military District Command, YEH recommended to the headquarters of the Central and South China Military District Command in Hankow that the military forces of the Kwangtung Military District be increased by one or two armies. After the conference YEH also cabled a report to the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council in Peiping on existing defenses for the South China coast.
2. The main points of a supplement to the Kwangtung coastal defense plan submitted by the Kwangtung Military District Command in late July to the Central and South China Command headquarters for its approval were as follows:
 - a. All field troops in the Kwangtung Military District should be stationed along the Kwangtung coast in the first line of defense.
 - b. Six replacement and training divisions under the Kwangtung Military District Command should be transferred to the Kwangtung coastal area to assist in patrolling and defense.
 - c. The defense of certain areas approximately 70 miles inland from the coast should be assigned to Public Security troops under the authority of various commissioners' offices.
 - d. The Kwangtung Communications Office and Highway Bureau should assemble a total of 4,500 government and commercial trucks in the Canton, Huiyang (114-26, 23-05), Lienchiang (110-16, 21-36), Swatow, and Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) areas for the military.
 - e. Land reform activities should be suspended temporarily, and the land reform cadres should be used to help organize and train local militia troops to guard communications lines and assist the Public Security forces.

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